

# The Middle School

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### 80's FIRST DANCE

The first middle school dance of the new decade was held Friday night in the middle school gym. Formerly scheduled for January 25, the dance was moved to February for a number of reasons.

Refreshments included candy bars and pop. Mr. Stenner, Ms. Coleman, and Ms. Swanson chaperoned. The dance was enjoyed by all of the students, who numbered as many as three hundred.

### MIDYEAR CONCERT

Mr. Dyer's music classes gave an end-of-the six weeks concert January 25. Included were songs of the seventies and a farewell to the sixties. The choir members were from the 6th and the 8th grade classes and sang such numbers as "Time in a Bottle", "Feelings", "The Way We Were", "Jean", and "The Long and Winding Road."

An eighth grade class performed a disco dance that spanned the seventies.

### PPMS WRESTLING

The Paw Paw wrestling team has felt a lot of the agony of defeat lately, especially after losing their 155 lb. wrestler Gary Jacobs to neck injuries which have kept him out of the last few matches.

Their first meet the Paw Paw Middle School wrestlers fell to defeat at Delton by a score of 59-15. Their second meet Allegan defeated them by a score of 50-30. PPMS didn't actually do too badly considering they had to give 18 points on forfeit.

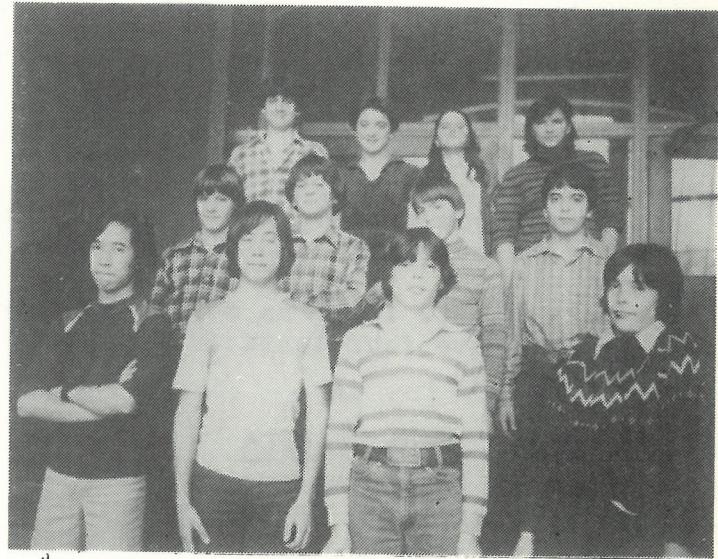
After that PPMS lost to first-rated Vicksburg by a score of 69-30. The Redskins fell to the hands of Gull Lake where they lost by 57-18.

Their latest meet the PPMS wrestlers lost 38-27 after giving 18 points forfeit.

At the Gull Lake tournament Scott Knight got second place, Russ Haywood, second, and Gary Jacobs, third.

At the Vicksburg tournament, Scott Knight got second, Alan Richmond, second, Russ Haywood got third, and Gary Jacobs, third.

by T.S.



YES YOU HAVE BEEN SEEING DOUBLE!

Pictured here are the various pairs of twins in the middle school. 1st row, Keith and Ken Shears, Mike and Pat McGuire. 2nd row, Erik and Mark Hindenach, Mike and Jim Chamberlin. 3rd row, John and Julie Kondor, and Joy and Melody McAlpine.

### 8th grade Team Listed

The eighth grade basketball team has been on the courts for a number of weeks but the Good Times would like to let the readers know who actually makes up the team.

Included are Rafael Tovias, Paul Abnet, Todd Conklin, Tim Hall, Paul Higashi, Kevin Flick, Joe Van Nus, Paul Keenan, John Pugsley, Joel Patterson, Adam Serbenski, Mark Serbenski, Don Boven, Joe Snowaert, Bill Wright, Brian McMullen, Bob Humphrey, Matt Osment, David Mastenbrook, Pat Hope and Pat Brennan.

Good luck on the rest of the season, boys.

The yearbook staff is putting the final touches on the yearbook this month. Their deadline is March 1. Look forward to seeing the book sometime in May.

## Michigan Winters & Snow

Ah, yes, the snow on the pines, the ice on the pond, a crackling fire...but what happens when the fire melts? You end up end-up in the pond. There's always the old snow plow trick. It never fails to come through and fill up the dirve while you're in the house getting your father to inspect what a wonderful shoveling job you just did.

Don't forget the great blizzards. You beg for a snow day for three months and when does it happen? The day of the big dance. The dance that you had a date for - with the best guy around? How about it guys? Doesn't it always happen when you finally got up the nerve to ask that cute little blonde from science?

Let's protest. I say no more snow days unless you have four tests and a detention! Agreed? dh

## no Sam this issue

NO COLUMN THIS MONTH FROM THE **DEAR SAM "COLUMNIST."** HAPPY TO HEAR SO MANY PEOPLE ARE DOING WELL. WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU NEXT ISSUE WITH AN ANSWER TO THE LETTER OF THIS MONTH. (hang on we're working on it.) SEND ANY OTHER LETTERS TO ROOM 103. OR PLACE IN MS. SWANSON'S MAILBOX ADDRESSED TO DEAR SAMANTHA.

NOTE: WE ENCOURAGE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS WRITTEN AND SENT TO US LAST WEEK. MARK, FEEL FREE TO REPLY TO THIS LETTER AND WE WILL PRINT YOUR RESPONSE, OR ANY OTHER STUDENT'S COMMENTS.

## Dear Editor,

We the people of the school think we need a new and better president. He isn't doing his job. He said he would improve the school for all the people. So far I don't see a darn thing being done that he said he would do. All I hear is talk, no action. He said he would get better things for the school. He picks on kids and talks back to teachers. And he plain doesn't do his job for what the school needs.

signed- by people who need a new president.

## MEET MS. SHROYER

Have you noticed a new teacher in the building? Ms. Swanson's English students have. She is Ms. Shroyer, a student teacher.

Her full name is Leonda Kessinger Shroyer. She will be here until the middle of April when she will graduate from Western Michigan University.

"A student teacher," Ms. Shroyer explained, "is someone who wants to be a teacher and so they have to practice. It is just like a class for them."

Ms. Shroyer was married only a few months ago, in October. She lives in Decatur. She was born June 16, 1958. She thinks that makes her 21.

Her hobbies are flower arranging, antiques, and music.

She likes student teaching. She likes the students. She says she likes the school because the kids are usually pretty understanding and they give her another chance when she makes mistakes!

She has been teaching a poetry unit with the 8th grade. In a week she will be teaching a 7th grade literature unit. Then she'll be teaching both grades. She will be teaching morphographics, too!

by Melissa

## 7th gr. Basketball

The seventh grade basketball team has had a tough season so far. When the paper went to press, they had won one, PawPaw 21, Lawton 16. and lost six.

On the A team are Mike Wunderlich, Rob Knight, Evan Jones, Mike Kubiszak, Erik Hindenach, Mark Hindenach, Paul Imus, Bill Towle, Greg Dillon, Joe DePierre, Brad Brooks, Todd Guizio, Marty Danberry.

Playing on the B team are Jerry Weatherwax, Robert Grile, Jim Lipp, Ken Goodwin, Joe Muvrin, Eric Wing, Andy Belson, Danny Brill, Danny Kalabauch, Steve Richardson, Ron St. Clair, Nickie Phillips, Craig Curtis, Scott Dent, David Rife, John Hazen, and Mike Coder.

Good luck for the next games !.

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## VALENTINE BE MINE

Happy Valentine's Day, Keith Harris, with love, Robin. xxoo

Happy Valentine's Day, Brandy Sue Ann Love ya, Bird.

Happy Valentine's Day out there to all you cute single guys. Love M.

Happy Valentine's Brandy, Kelly G., Julie, Robin, Carolyn, Cheryl, Lisa, Tammy, Denise, Mindy, Pam B., Jami, Lacy, Laurie, Stacey, Dawn, - love ya, Michele S.

Happy Valentine's Day, Cheryl R. - love ya, Carolyn.

Happy Valentine's Day, Cheryl. I think you're a fox. Your secret love.

Happy Valentine's Day, mom.

Happy Valentine's Day to Rhonda Silcott and Kim Kirshman. Good luck with your guys. Rita Howe.

To Jaylane Bennett - be my valentine - love and kisses. xoxox from you know who.

To Karen Buck - I've admired you for a long time. I want to ask you to go with me but am afraid to ask. Love, secret admirer.

To Andy Belson, You are a fox and I love you. Love, Jenny.

Dr. Pepper forever loves Doug T.

Linda Kunow - Linda, you are cute and I have wanted to go with you for a long time. I wish you would go with me. You will soon find out who I am. Love, Unknown.

To Scott Meeth: Roses are red, violets are blue- Happy Valentine's Day. P.S. I love you.

Best of luck to Kim and Jack with the wheels of love.

Good luck to Quentin Adkins and Ruth Frey on their unknown relationship.

Ruth, say yes please. Don't put it off any longer.

An anonymous person thinks that Pat Essex is cute. Erin Thompson is nice. Don Boley is nice.

Happy Valentine's Day, Ellen Kinville and Lesley Baribeau. Friends always.

Jenny Wells.

Foz - Here's to  $47\frac{1}{2}$ , Guy, Casanova, Steve Martin, certain types of cement, and that all time favorite- plaid! Don't forget we're best friends. Miss Piggy.

Casanova - Happy Heart Day! Luv ya- alls.

Ms. Piggy.

Happy Valentine's Day- to Michele Dokey. Love, Eric. xxoo.

L.H. and L.B. think that J.S., D.T., and J.M. are the foxiest guys.

Rene Goens wants to wish Todd Guizio a happy Valentine's Day.

## GROUND HOG ALERTED-HOW?

How does a ground hog know it is spring? People have been asking this question for years, but this year I think I know how he does it. My theory is that just before he goes to sleep for the winter, he sets his alarm clock for February 2. After about four months, on February 2, his alarm rings, he wakes up, steps out of his dark hole, and if he sees his shadow, it scares him so much that he invariably trips over a stone, hits his head, and falls asleep for another six weeks. If he doesn't see his shadow, he gets out his swimsuit and lawn chair and heads for the beach. That's how you can tell that winter is over.

For this year I predict that the hog will see his shadow, bump his head, and then we will have six more weeks of snow. Maybe in that six weeks, school will be called off. So keep your fingers crossed. There's hope yet!

todd

## Where are the Snows of Yesteryear?

Just in case we do get a snow day, it's a good idea to plan ahead what you will be able to do to occupy the time.

You could call a boyfriend, (or a girlfriend). You could argue with your brother. Clean a junk drawer. Bake cookies. Sleep. Freeze. Dedicate a day to your own beauty treatment. (Dedicate a couple if it takes that much!)

Catch up on your soap operas. Invite over friends- those within snowshoe distance. Make a huge snow man. Go skiing down hills, in fields, and into town. Sled down the biggest hill you can find. Get out your horse and hook him up to a sled. Let him take you somewhere. (besides back to the barn). Clean the drive so your mother and dad can come home.

In the event of a mud day, you could do several creative things with the mud. Shape it, toss it, or let it ooze

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over your toes.

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The G.Timers meet Wed. at 2:30 in room 103. Join us any time.

**PREDICTIONS FOR THE 80'S**

1980. A new decade has begun. What do middle schoolers expect to see happen in the next ten years? The Good Timers asked several students and teachers.

OraLee Gipson believes that "the world will be a better place for everyone. (more like a dream, huh?)", while Lisa Stack thinks "there is going to be an atomic war that is going to burn up the world and everyone is going to die."

Laura Bare predicts "World War III." Karen Gust agreed. Ron Overacker thinks "nothing will happen as long as Carter is president!"

Mr. Erickson says "Mr. Crook will be married, 8th grade girls will have a championship season, world wide depression will occur, so will World War III, he will get a new car, and Jenny Wells will grow two inches."

Michele Makowski thinks "the drinking age will go back to 18." Debbie McEndarfer wants "it to be good years and wants to go all the way through school." She'd like to see herself going with D.K.

Carolyn Wilson predicts "more good-looking guys at school." Michele Serbenski predicts that the guys will get cuter "and hopefully taller."

Robin Haas predicts that Keith and she will stay together forever. Kelle Maxwell predicts that "all 8th graders, especially John P. will flunk so that the 7th grade will have a greater selection of guys."

Cathy Ladd wants a very limited prediction to come true. She wants to go with Kevin Kniss to the Valentine's dance.

Pam Woodhams, looking ahead (?), predicts Mr. Stenner will shave off his beard.

Mindy Racette predicts "Mrs. Dobbs' mouse will eat rotten cheese and die. That way it won't tell on us."

Kevin Flick thinks "8th grade will have a winning 9th grade football team." Joel Patterson predicts "the Pittsburgh Steelers will come in last in next year's football and the Dallas Cowboys will win the Super Bowl in '81". I also predict the school will be destroyed thanks to the bomb I have planted. I finish with these words..Mr. Stenner will die for making me write this!"

Suzie Smith thinks "cars will come in the shapes of fruit. Scientists will find an energy source in leaves."

Dan Sutherland expects a "war with Iran."

Tammy Hiemstra predicts that Mr. Erickson's "little well known poets" will still continue to "amaze us."

Don Boven believes "the Russians will back out of Afghanistan, we will get back the hostages, and there will not be a gas shortage."

Brian Cody, Michele Herwick, and Chris Heldak all foresee "war with Iran." Cindy Vargas predicts that "The V.C.ees will travel to Chicago and win the #1 singing award in the world."

Dan Kondor believes "Ms. Weiss will resign because of 6th hour." Dave Fellheimer thinks "we'll smear all opponents in wrestling." Beth Surdy thinks "that this summer will be a lot warmer than usual and that means more partying." Deb Haefner says "Foz will be a general and Guy and Casanova will be in her group."

**BRR! POLAR FASHION**

Listen, folks, now is the time for swimsuits. Why wait til later to go to the beach? In July who wants to go to Lake Michigan and share a beach with a bunch of burnt rowdies when you can have the whole beach to yourself if you go now!

Still not convinced? Well, Lake Michigan is cold in the summer anyhow so what difference does it make it's just a tad colder now?

Since it's winter, the styles for sun bathing clothes will be different. The chic guy or girl might wear a fur-lined parka cover-up, moose hair tennis shoes, itchy wool winkey sunglasses, and naturally a long dog hair set of undies. Why not be original and give it a try? Be the first one in your neighborhood to have sunburned frost bite.

N-ice time.

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